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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Our large extended family all choose a competitive internet provider because we need excellent broadband in order to conduct our businesses (graphic design, editing services, agricultural information, nonprofit organizations, engineering and architecture firms, business design, and teaching).

In addition, all the students in the family depend on the internet to do research, turn in assignments, and communicate with their educational institutions.

We feel strongly that competitive broadband is essential to the way businesses are conducted in the modern age!

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